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COMING EVENTS

- Mar. 6 (Wed.): BROWN BAG DISCUSSION: **Dr. Jerry Pankhurst**, Professor of Sociology, Wittenberg University, "Recent Changes in the Soviet Religious Situation," 12 noon, 260 Cunz Hall.
- Apr. 10 (Wed.): BROWN BAG DISCUSSION: Speaker and topic to be announced. 12 noon, 260 Cunz Hall.
- May 1 (Wed.): BROWN BAG DISCUSSION: **Dr. Kenneth E. Naylor**, Department of Slavic and East European Languages and Literatures, "Language as Flag: The Cases in Yugoslavia", 12 noon, 260 Cunz Hall.
- May 4 (Sat.): CONFERENCE: "**Nationalism and Language in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union**," Fawcett Center for Tomorrow, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

(For additional events in April and May, please see the attached program of the University Learning Guild.)

LEARNING GUILD PROGRAM CONTINUES

The University Learning Guild, a division of The Ohio State University's Office of Continuing Education, is extending to Spring Quarter its program of events centering on Eastern Europe and the USSR, under the general title "Transformation and Conflict: Challenges for Eastern Europe and the USSR."

Guild activities on this theme, to be held over the period April 4 through May 16, will include lectures, courses, discussions, and a day-long "immersion" program.

A complete draft of the scheduled offerings, with information concerning dates, times, places, and admission fees, is included as an appendix to this issue of OSEEN.

SLAVIC DEPARTMENT ESSAY CONTEST

The Department of Slavic and East European Languages and Literatures announces its 1991 Undergraduate Essay Competition for currently enrolled students of Russian at Ohio State who have completed at least Russian 405. Essay topics may include literature, culture, folklore, social and political themes. The following rules have been established for the competition:

The essay must be written in Russian.

The paper should be typed, double-spaced, and consist of at least five pages.

Sources must be cited in foot or end notes.

The author must identify himself or herself on the manuscript only by a pen name; the real name together with the pen name must be supplied in a sealed envelope.

A signed statement must be enclosed in the envelope reading either: "This essay is entirely my own work; I received neither written nor oral assistance with its completion" or "This essay was submitted as a class assignment and rewritten for this competition, incorporating the corrections and suggestions of my instructor." Students entering the competition should also include their Social Security number, local address, and telephone number in this envelope.

The Awards Selection Committee will consider originality and depth of ideas, appropriateness and breadth of vocabulary, style, and accuracy in evaluating the essays. The first place winner will be given a \$75 cash award and the second place winner a cash award of \$25. In addition, the 1991 recipients will be honored at both the spring quarter Russian Tea and the College of Humanities Annual Student Awards Reception. If none of the essays submitted is of outstanding quality, no winners will be selected.

NEW VIDEOS FOR LOAN

Two new videotapes have been added to the Center's rental library of videotapes and 16-mm. films. To order or reserve these or other items in our collection, call Maryann Keisel at 614-292-8770. There is no charge for films or tapes picked up at the Center; mail orders will be filled at nominal cost.

The Fall of the Berlin Wall -- Color, 49 minutes. Hanns-Joachim Friedrichs, German TV's favorite anchorman, offers a factual and comprehensive account of the history of the Wall, covering its construction, the human tragedies played out at its foot, and its final demise in front of the world's cameras.

Sex in the Soviet Union - Color, 1991, 60 min. ABC TV's Ted Koppel examines the following topics: the proliferation of Western pornography; women's issues such as birth control, abortion and prostitution; homosexuality and AIDS.

FELLOWSHIP DEADLINE REMINDERS

As previously announced, the deadlines for submission of applications for Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowships are the following:

For summer, 1991 fellowships -- March 1, 1991

For academic year '91-'92 fellowships -- April 1, 1991

Information and application forms may be secured at the Center office, 344 Dulles Hall.

STUDY AND RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

1992-93 Fulbright Scholar Program: Research and Lecturing in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. Exciting opportunities in Bulgaria, Czech and Slovak Federated Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Yugoslavia, Soviet Union (lecturing awards only). Awards are offered in: American Studies, anthropology, area studies, business administration and economics, communications and journalism, computer science, education, environmental sciences fine and performing arts, law and political science, linguistics, pure and applied sciences, sociology, teaching of English as a foreign language. Opportunities exist in other fields as well. Awards range from two to ten months. Eligibility: U.S. citizenship, Ph.D. or terminal degree in discipline and, for lecturing, college or university teaching experience. Deadlines: **June 15** for Soviet Union, **August 1** for other countries. Write or call for information: Council for International Exchange of Scholars, 3007 Tilden Street, N.W., Suite 5M, Box LEESU, Washington, D.C. 20008-3009, tel. (202) 686-6250.

SAIS 1991 Summer Program in Political Russian. Session I: June 3-July 5, Session II: July 8-August 9. This program offers intensive language training for generalists and practitioners in socio-political, military and economic usage. Vocabulary, language structures and text materials all reflect this unique orientation. Guest faculty from the Soviet Union enhance the opportunity for exciting, practical language study. Classes meet from 9 a.m. to noon daily. Each participant is expected to work at least one hour with audio tapes and complete four to six hours of self-study daily. In addition, guest speakers will offer weekly lectures in Russian. The Basic level carries six credits per session; all other levels carry five credits per session. Two sessions are the equivalent of a year of academic study. All classes will be held at SAIS, two blocks east of Dupont Circle and the Dupont Circle Metro stop. Placement interviews and registration will take place prior to the first day of class.

COSTS: Tuition is \$1,200 for each session including materials. A \$40 refundable language laboratory fee is charged. All fees are due at registration. Housing is not provided, however, information is available upon request. Some partial fellowships are available. Applications for fellowships are due by **April 1, 1991.**

APPLICATION AND ADMISSION: The program is open to professionals, undergraduate and graduate students. For information, admission and fellowship applications, please contact: Office of Summer Programs, The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, 1740 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, tel. (202) 663-5713.

CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

1991

March 21-23, 1991. The **Southern Conference on Slavic Studies** (AAASS Regional Affiliate), at the DeSoto-Hilton, Savannah, Georgia, hosted by Armstrong State University. Local arrangements: Olavi Arens, History Dept., Armstrong State College, Savannah, GA 31406. Program: Prof. Ted Uldricks, Dept. of History, U. of North Carolina, Asheville, NC 28804. Tel.: (704) 251-6415.

March 21-24, 1991. **Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages** will meet in Indianapolis. For information contact Jody Thrush, Madison Area Technical College, Madison, WI 53704, telephone (608) 246-6573.

March 25-27, 1991. **5th Biennial Conference on East Central Europe, Russia and the Soviet Union**, sponsored by New College of the University of South Florida. Laszlo Deme, Program Coordinator, New College, U. of South Florida, Sarasota, FL 34243-2197.

April 5, 1991. The **7th Annual Student Symposium on the Soviet Union and East Europe** at the University of Virginia. Greg Fields, Center for Russian & East European Studies, 103 Levering Hall, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA 22903, tel. (804) 293-9765. UVA's Dialogue magazine will publish the best paper on the issue of the "Use of Force in Soviet Foreign Policy."

April 6, 1991. The **Mid-Atlantic Slavic Conference** (AAASS Regional Affiliate) will hold its annual meeting at Bryn Mawr. George Kline, President, MASC, Thomas Hall, Dept. of Philosophy, Bryn Mawr, PA 19019; or Jeffrey Hahn, Executive Secretary, MASC, Political Science Dept., Villanova, PA 19085.

April 12-13, 1991. The **New England Slavic Association** (AAASS Regional Affiliate) annual meeting, at Framingham State College. Joseph Harrington, NESA Program Chair, History Dept., Framingham State College, 100 State St., Framingham, MA 01701.

April 17-19, 1991. "**Music and Politics in Eastern Europe**", a panel presentation for the **Dana New Music Festival VII** at Youngstown State University. Eastern Europe for the purpose of this topic is inclusive of the Soviet Union up to the Urals. Submit a description of your project to Dr. Keith J. Lepak, Political & Social Science Department, 312 DeBartolo Hall, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH 44555, tel. (216) 742-3438.

April 24-27, 1991. **Rocky Mountain Slavic Association** (AAASS Regional Affiliate) annual

meeting in conjunction with the Western Social Science Association, Reno, Nevada. Helen S. Hundley, History Dept., Wichita State U., Wichita, KS 67208; (316) 689-3150.

May 4, 1991. **Conference on Language and Nationalism in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union**, The Ohio State University, Fawcett Center for Tomorrow, 9 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. (see details on pp. 1 and 2 above). Contact Prof. Kenneth E. Naylor at (614) 292-0436 or 292-8770.

May 22-24, 1991. Call for papers. **7th Biennial Conference on the Non-Slavic Languages of the USSR**, at the University of Chicago, sponsored by the Center for Balkan & Slavic Studies and the Department of Linguistics, University of Chicago, H.I. Aronson/B, J. Darden, Dept. of Linguistics, U. of Chicago, 1010 E. 59th St., Chicago, IL 60637; E-MAIL: HIA5@TANK.UCHICAGO.EDU.

May 25, 1991. The **5th Conference on the Cultures of Caucasia**, at the University of Chicago, sponsored by the Center for Balkan & Slavic Studies, University of Chicago. Topics include folklore, literature, art, music, ethnography, history, political science, economics, and sociology. Howard I. Aronson, Center for Balkan & Slavic Studies, U. of Chicago, 1010 E. 59th St., Chicago, IL 60637; (312) 702-8522; E-mail: HIA5@TANK.UCHICAGO.EDU.

May 25-26, 1991. Graduate student **Conference in Greek and Turkish Modernisms in Literature and Allied Arts** at The Ohio State University. For more information, please call the Department of JaNELL at (614) 292-9255 or (614) 221-9752.

June 13-16, 1991. **11th Conference on Baltic Studies in Scandinavia** at Stockholm University, with a general theme on Scandinavia and the Baltic. Lennart Frick, Chair, Conference on Baltic Studies in Scandinavia, Baltiska Institutet, Virebergsvagan 18, S-171 40, Solna, Sweden, Tel. 08/730/07 06; FAX: 730 07 09.

August 8-15, 1991. **The 18th Annual International Congress of Byzantine Studies**, in Moscow. The Congress will focus on relations between the Byzantines and the Slavs, particularly Rus'. Prof. George Majeska, President, US National Committee, Dept. of History, U. of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742.

November 22-25, 1991. **The 23rd National Convention of the AAASS**, hosted by the Southern Conference on Slavic Studies, will be held in Miami, Florida. The meeting will have two special themes: Soviet & East European Studies in Latin America; and Soviet & East European Relations with Latin America.

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April 22-25, 1992. Call for Papers and Panels. **The Rocky Mountain Slavic Association** (AAASS Regional Affiliate) annual meeting in conjunction with the Western Social Science Association, Corpus Christi, Texas. For information, contact: Christopher Kuehl, Dept. of Business and Economics, Baker U., Baldwin City, KS 66006; (913) 594-6451, ext. 541.

May 1-3, 1992. Call for Panels and Papers. **The Midwest Slavic Conference** (AAASS Regional Affiliate) will hold its annual meeting in Columbus, Ohio, hosted by Ohio State

University. The National Hilandar Conference will run concurrently. Papers and panels on all topics and from all disciplines are welcome, especially on the theme, "Five Hundred Years after the Year 7000 (1492)." Send proposals by **December 16, 1991**, to Eve Levin, Conference Director, Center for Slavic and East European Studies, Ohio State University, 344 Dulles Hall 230 West 17th Ave., Columbus, OH 43210-1311.

July 1992. **Annual Meeting of the Society for Romanian Studies** (AAASS Affiliate) and the International Congress of Romanian Studies, at Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

November 1-2, 1992. Call for Proposals. **The 15th Annual Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages and Literatures** will be held at Youngstown State University. The committee is soliciting proposals for either workshops (2½ hours), or other presentations (50 minutes or 30 minutes), on topics related to the teaching of foreign languages. The deadline for proposals is **March 15, 1991**. Send proposals or inquiries to: Foreign Language Conference, Dept. of Foreign Languages, Youngstown State U., Youngstown, OH 44555; (216) 742-3461.

November 19-22, 1992. **The 24th National Convention of the AAASS**, hosted by the Western Slavic Association, will be held in Phoenix, Arizona, at the Sheraton and Hyatt Regency hotels.

Transformation and Conflict: Challenges For Eastern Europe and the USSR

**Presented by
The Ohio State University Learning Guild**

A: Nationalism - Lecture

Nationalism: A Threat to Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union

Explore nationalism - what it is, where it is, how its impact is felt. Nationalism shook the historic empires of Eastern Europe in the 19th and 20th centuries and it now threatens the stability of the Soviet Union and contemporary Eastern Europe. Join us in an examination of the specific characteristics of nationalism, and its relationship to religion, education, modernization, and the socio-economics of today's world.

Presenter: Dr. Stephen Fischer-Galati, Editor and Publisher of East European Quarterly; Former Consultant on East European affairs to the White House, the State Department, and the Ford Foundation

Date: Tuesday, April 4

Time: 7:30-9:30 PM

Location: Fawcett Center for Tomorrow

Fee: \$14

Register By: April 1

B: Immersion - Eastern Europe and the USSR

The Changing Face of Eastern Europe and the USSR

Join us for a one-day immersion into the major issues confronting our theme area. In our morning session, discover the political geography of Eastern Europe and the USSR. Then explore the realities of the Baltic states' struggle for independence or share in a discussion on the rich and varied history of Eastern Europe. Investigate what sets this area apart from the West and what qualities it shares with its neighbors on both sides.

At lunch, let music be your guide to the peasant traditions of Eastern Europe and the USSR as the Russalka Folk Chorus performs.

In the afternoon, devote yourself to a serious discussion of the origins of the Cold War, or choose a survey of religious trends in the USSR.

Cap your venture into the series theme with a stimulating discussion of Russian folklore. You will encounter the peoples of Russia through their songs, proverbs, folk tales, and customs. Or, choose an in-depth examination of agriculture -- the current situation, future outlook, and the West's role in aiding the nations of the area.

Date: Saturday, April 6

Time: 9:30 AM-4:30 PM

Location: Holiday Inn on the Lane

Fee: \$45

Register By: April 3

C: History of Eastern Europe - Lecture
A Historical Perspective of Eastern Europe

Immerse yourself in the rich and varied history of Eastern Europe. Through a study of its peoples, conflicts, and dramatic events, learn why and how the Eastern European nations were set apart from the rest of the European continent. This historical overview will place current developments in a richer and more meaningful perspective and will provide a foundation for the Guild programs in this series.

Presenter: Dr. E. Garrison Walters, Vice Chancellor, Academic & Special Programs, Ohio Board of Regents, and author of The Other Europe

Date: Monday, April 8

Time: 7-9 PM

Location: Matreoshka-Russian Tea Room*

Fee: \$14

Register By: April 5

(*The restaurant will maintain evening hours specifically for this event. If you wish to select from the delicious menu they offer (meal not included in fee), your order must be placed by 6:15 PM so as not to interrupt the presentation.)

D: Gorbachev and Bush - Breakfast Lecture
Power and Responsibility: Gorbachev and Bush

Share breakfast with political psychologist Margaret Hermann for a discussion of Mikhail Gorbachev and George Bush. Analyze the leadership styles, personalities, policy-making methods, and strategies of these two superpower leaders as they guide us towards the 21st century.

Presenter: Dr. Margaret Hermann, Political Psychologist, Mershon Center, The Ohio State University

Date: Saturday, April 13

Time: 9:30-11 AM

Location: The Robert Kepler Clubhouse, OSU Golf Course

Fee: \$15

Register By: April 10

E: Constitutions - Lecture
Inalienable Rights: Honored at Last

East European countries are finally able to put the basic rights and tenets of their peoples in writing. Look over the shoulders of Poland's leaders as they create a constitution for the 21st century and beyond. Examine its design, intent, and purpose. Discover which other nations are in the process of taking the same momentous step.

Presenter: Dr. Rodney K. Smith, Dean, Capital University Law School

Date: Tuesday, April 16
Time: 7:30-9:30 PM
Location: Columbus Music Hall
Fee: \$14
Register By: April 12

F: Wexner Center - Exhibit Tour
Architectural Drawings of Russian Avant-Garde

Join us for a guided tour of the Wexner Center's exhibition, "Architectural Drawings of the Russian Avant-Garde, 1917 to 1935." This exhibit, which includes approximately 150 drawings primarily from the Shchusev Architecture Museum in Moscow, traces the accomplishments of one of the most influential design movements of the twentieth century. Enjoy a morning tour and discussion of these works and their impact after engaging in conversation with friends and new acquaintances over coffee and quick breads in The Cafe.

Date: Saturday, April 20
Time: 10:30-11:45 AM
Location: Wexner Center for the Arts
Fee: \$9
Register By: April 18

G: Shifting Economy - Lecture
Evolution to a Market Economy

Shifting to a market-based economic system will have a far-reaching impact on the nations of Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, and on the United States, as well. Join Frank Wobst in an exploration of the effects of free trade and open markets and a discussion of the repercussions of the Persian Gulf War on this new economic structure. Investigate the opportunities presented by this market transformation and examine its effects -- locally, nationally, and internationally.

Presenter: Frank Wobst, Chairman and CEO, Huntington Bancshares, Inc.

Date: Tuesday, April 23
Time: 7-9 PM
Location: Chemical Abstracts Service Auditorium
Fee: \$14
Register By: April 19

H: Ideology for the 21st Century: Liberal Democracy

Explore the recent and on-going transition from communist leadership to liberal democracy in Eastern Europe. What is liberal democracy? What are the issues in Eastern Europe's evolution toward liberal democracy? This comparative discussion will explore the roles of current leadership as influenced by politics, economics, and grass-roots movements.

Presenter: Dr. Goldie A. Shabad, Assoc. Professor, Political Science, The Ohio State University

Date: Tuesday, May 7

Time: 7:30-9 PM

Location: The OSU Faculty Club

Fee: \$14

Register By: May 3

**I: Soviet Union Today - Lecture
Gorbachev and the Crisis of the Soviet State**

When Gorbachev began the reforms of perestroika, he unleashed social tensions and political forces which led him to re-examine the entire Soviet experience. However, this re-evaluation and the resulting economic crisis have undermined the strength and power of the Soviet state itself. We will examine whether Gorbachev's present shift to the right will stop the disintegration of the USSR. Will he be able to save perestroika, or is this the beginning of a new dictatorship?

Presenter: Dr. Judith Kullberg, Instructor, Political Science, The Ohio State University

Date: Thursday, May 16

Time: 7:30-9:30 PM

Location: Buckeye Room, Parke University Hotel*

Fee: \$14

Register By: May 13

*The Parke University Hotel has two restaurants (Damon's and The Clubhouse) if you are interested in dining before the event. Your order must be placed by 6:00 PM (meal not included in fee) so as not to miss the presentation.

For more information, or to request a comprehensive theme brochure, please call the Learning Guild at (614) 292-8571.